

A bill for an act  
relating to natural resources; appropriating money for metropolitan regional  
parks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PARKS.**

\$27,760,000 is appropriated from the parks and trails fund to the Metropolitan  
Council for distribution to implementing agencies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes,  
section 473.351, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), as grants according to the following formula:

(1) 45 percent of the money must be disbursed according to the allocation formula in  
Minnesota Statutes, section 473.351, subdivision 3, to each implementing agency;

(2) 31.5 percent of the money must be distributed based on each implementing  
agency's relative share of the most recent estimate of the population of the metropolitan  
area;

(3) 13.5 percent of the money must be distributed based on each implementing  
agency's relative share of nonlocal visits based on the most recent user visitation survey  
conducted by the Metropolitan Council; and

(4) ten percent of the money must be distributed as grants to implementing agencies  
for land acquisition within the Metropolitan Council-approved regional parks and trails  
master plan boundaries under the council's park acquisition opportunity grant program.  
The Metropolitan Council must provide a match of \$2 of the council's parks bonds for  
every \$3 of state funds for the park acquisition opportunity grant program.